

## **PREFACE**

This field manual (FM) provides information on the structure and operations of the forward support battalion (FSB) digitized, the supporting, and the supported units. It is directed toward the commander and battle staff of the FSB organized under the division redesign and the Force XXI division concept for combat service support (CSS) operations.

This FM outlines the functions and operations of each unit within the FSB. It also describes how the FSB commander and company commanders/battle staffs integrate their activities through the use of digitization on the battlefield. This includes both the logistics mission and the tactical responsibilities. The FM describes the many coordination links the FSB must maintain with supported and supporting elements.

This FM is based on doctrine in FMs 3-0 (100-5), FM 4-0 (100-10), FM 71-100, FM 71-3, FM 4-02 (8-10), FM 4-02.55 (8-55), and tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) developed in STs 63-2, 63-30, 63-20, and 63-10. FM 3-0 (100-5) (Operations) is the Army's capstone doctrinal manual. It outlines how the Army will conduct operations. FM 4-0 (100-10) is the Army's capstone CSS doctrinal manual. It provides an overview of the CSS system for supporting the Army in the field.

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